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For: SAMPLING/DISPENSING DEVICE WITH

PLUNGER AND HOUSING SET ONTO

PLUNGER

Examiner: J. M. Ludlow

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.